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Prosecution was reopened by the previous examiner on 3/12/04. However, prosecution CAN NOT be reopened by the examiner after the expiration of the statutory 6 month period. Prosecution was improperly advanced. Since the 4/3/03 response was not a proper response to the final rejection (i.e., did not place the application in condition for allowance (as evidenced by the NF action of 3/12/04), was not a Notice of Appeal or an RCE), the application became abandoned as of 3/31/03.

Also, note that the Amendatory submissions were not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173(c):

(c) Status of claims and support for claim changes . Whenever there is an amendment to the claims pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, there must also be supplied, on pages separate from the pages containing the changes, the status (i.e., pending or canceled), as of the date of the amendment, of all patent claims and of all added claims, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims.

- Status (i.e., pending or canceled) have not been provided on pages separate from the pages containing the changes
- Explanation of support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims have not been provided

Typo in claim 22, 3rd line. “art open side” should be --an open side--.

- Claim index missing.

Further note that while not traversed by applicant the rejection under 35 USC 251 for failure to pay the 11.5 year maintenance fee appears to have been made in error

/Robert J Canfield/

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